GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MOU WITH MALAYSIA
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Malaysian Government has imposed certain specific conditions and restrictions on Indians seeking employment in Malaysia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether any MoU has been signed between the two countries for safeguarding the interest of the Indian workers working in Malaysia;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the signing of MoU between the two countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a)to(c) No sir. As per the report received from the High Commision of India in Kuala Lumpur the Minister of Home Affairs of Malaysia has categorically denied any move to limit the intake of workers from India. However, it has been informed that all foreign priests have to now go through more stringent checks. The Malaysian Minister of Home Affairs has denied that Indian temple priests were being prevented from coming to Malaysia.

(d) No MoU has yet been signed between the two countries.

(e)&(f) Steps are afoot for signing a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding on Labour & Manpower Development between Malaysia and India, which will provide for an institutional framework to facilitate employment, protection and welfare of Indian workers in Malaysia.Negotiations have been completed and the MoU has been finalized. The MoU will be signed after completing the internal procedure by both countries.